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29. **(Withdrawn):** Device according to claim 28, characterised in that the processing and cleaning station (144 to 148) comprises downwardly directed cleaning nozzles (226).
30. **(Withdrawn):** Device according to claim 26, characterised in that the processing and cleaning station (144 to 148) comprises cleaning brushes (220) to clean the received workpiece or the polishing head.
31. **(Previously Presented):** Device according to claim 25 characterised in that the polishing head (134) can be exchangeably attached to a spindle (184).
32. **(Previously Presented):** Device according to claim 25, characterised in that the gripping means for flat, circular workpieces (112) comprise two parallel spaced rigid shafts (234, 232) rotatably mounted in a gripper housing (230) which comprise gripping jaws (238, 236) on the end which can be brought into engagement in a rotary position with an edge of a workpiece (112).
33. **(Original):** Device according to claim 22, characterised in that between the shafts (232, 234) in the vicinity of the housing (230) gripping jaws (240, 242) are arranged which can be moved laterally.
34. **(Previously Presented):** Device according to any claim 25, characterised in that the gripping means (166) comprise a sensor (244) which detects the receipt of a workpiece (112).

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35. **(Previously Presented):** Device according to claim 25, characterised in that a dressing device (192) is provided for the polishing plate (130) which comprises a dressing unit which can be moved diametrically over the polishing plate (130).
36. **(Original):** Device according to claim 35, characterised in that the dressing component produces a high pressure jet.
37. **(Original):** Device according to claim 36, characterised in that the dressing component comprises a rotary driven dressing brush.
38. **(Original):** Device according to claim 37, characterised in that a tank is provided for keeping the dressing brushes wet, in which the dressing brushes are held cleaned and damp.

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REMARKS

This communication is in response to the Office Action of November 14, 2006 wherein the Examiner identified the following three inventions:

I. Claims 1-10, 25, 31, 32, and 34-38, drawn to method and apparatus for transferring, polishing and drying workpieces, classified in class 451, subclass 005.

II. Claims 11-22, and 26-30, drawn to a polishing, washing and drying apparatus, classified in class 451, subclass 065.

III. Claims 23 and 24, drawn to a polishing method, classified in class 451, subclass 57.

Applicant elects the claims of invention I for prosecution, *i.e.* claims 1-10, 25, 31, 32 and 34-38.

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